

Additional non-passerine bird weights from East Africa

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Britton (1970) has supplied over 1,000 weights for some 223 species, the majority from Kenya. Additional weights are presented here, and may be used in conjunction with Britton's data, and also those of Liversidge (1968), Britton & Dowsett (1969), Brooke (1969), and Dowsett (1970), mostly from southern Africa.

This paper lists 66 weights of 39 species made by the author while collecting specimens for the British Museum (Natural History) in March–June 1970 in Kenya. A few wintering palaeartic birds are included. I have many more data on passerine birds, to be published in due course. Approximately half of the collection was made into study skins, the rest preserved in spirit as anatomical specimens, indicated by fl. (= in fluid), and sometimes sexed from obvious external appearance. Age is not mentioned except for birds in immature plumage (imm.) and juveniles (juv.). All weights are in grammes. Order and nomenclature follow White (1965). Co-ordinates for less well known localities are as follows:—

Kakamega, 0° 15' N., 34° 50' E.; Lake Kanyaboli, 0° 03' N., 34° 10' E.; Lokori, near Kangetet, south Turkana, 1° 58' N., 36° 06' E.; Ng'iya, 0° 03' N., 34° 02' E.; Ukwala, 0° 11' N., 34° 12' E.; Usengi, 0° 04' S., 34° 02' E.

Bostrychia bagedasb: 1270, fl.; Ukwala, March.

Polibierax semitorquatus: ♂ 53; Lokori, May.

Numida meleagris: ♂♂ 1190, 1320; ♀ 1330; Lokori, May.

Guttera pucherani: ♂ 1190; Sokoke, April.

Vanellus crassirostris: 162, 191, both fl.; Usengi, March.

Charadrius tricollaris: 32, 34, both fl.; Lokori, May.

Charadrius marginatus: ♂ 33; ♀ 36; Mida Creek, near Malindi, April.

Tringa glareola: 72, fl.; Mida Creek, near Malindi, April.

Pterocles lichtensteinii: ♂ 206; ♀♀ 200, fl., 202, 216; Lokori, May.

Oena capensis: ♂ 37, fl.; Lokori, May.

Turtur chalcospilos: ♂ 64; 58, fl.; Sokoke Forest, Lokori, April/May.

Clamator jacobinus: 86, fl.; Lokori, June.

Cuculus poliocephalus: ♂ 59; 62, fl.; Sokoke, April. The male was very fat, the other one in the hepatic phase. In all probability both are the nominate form. For the most recent discussion of the forms known from Africa, see Benson *et al.* (1970).

Chrysococcyx caprius: ♀ imm. 35; imm. 38, fl.; Lokori, May.

Otus irenae: ♂ 50; Sokoke, April.

Caprimulgus e. europaeus: ♀ 60, fl.; Kolifi, April.

Caprimulgus pectoralis: ♂ 48; ♀♀ 33, 44; 50, fl.; Sokoke, April.

Caprimulgus clarus: ♀ 47; 40, fl.; Lokori, May.

Colius striatus: 53, 59, 60, all fl.; Nairobi, Lokori, Lake Kanyaboli, March/May.

Ceyx picta: ♀ 12; 11, fl.; Sokoke, April.

Halcyon leucocephala: ♂ 43; Lokori, May.

Merops albicollis: imm. 21; Lokori, May.

Merops pusillus: 12, fl.; Lokori, May.

Upupa epops: 58, fl.; Lokori, June.

Tockus deckeni: ♀ 142; Lokori, May.

Phoeniculus minor: 30, fl.; Lokori, May.

Phoeniculus cyanomelas: ♂ 36; Mida Creek, near Malindi, April.

Lybius leucocephalus: 67.5, fl.; Ng'iya, March.

Lybius melanocephalus: 20, 21; Lokori, May.

Lybius lacrymosus: 20, fl.; Ng'iya, March

Pogoniulus pusillus: ♀ 10; Lokori, May.

Pogoniulus bilineatus: ♂♂ 12, 11; ♀ 13; Mida Creek, near Malindi, Kakamega, April/June.

Trachypbonus purpuratus: ♀ 70; Kakamega, June.

Trachypbonus darnaudii: ♂ 30; 29, 32, both fl.; Lokori, May.

Trachypbonus erythrocephalus: ♂ 56; ♀ 55; 54, fl.; Lokori, May.

Indicator indicator: ♀ 59.5, fl.; Lake Kanyaboli, March.

Prodotiscus insignis: ♀ 13; Kakamega, June.
Campethera nubica: ♂♂ 58, 59; ♀ 55; Lokori, May.
Dendropicus fuscescens: ♂ 26; ♀♀ 19.5, 20; Lokori, May.

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Distributional notes on some Uganda birds

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Introduction

The following list contains observations on a number of species of birds in Uganda from 1964 to the present year. In some cases the observation constitutes the first record of the form for Uganda. In other cases they are of species which have been recorded only a few times in that country, in some, extending the known ranges. I have also included a few species which were not recorded for Uganda in Mackworth-Praed & Grant (1957, 1960), or White (1962, 1965) even though they are recorded in earlier works.

For various reasons no collecting was done, and the list contains sight records only. However, only those species that were identified, beyond any reasonable doubt, from field notes are included.

The approximate co-ordinates of all localities are given with the first reference to each locality.

Systematic List

Accipiter rufiventris, Rufous Sparrowhawk: A small party attending a grass fire south of Kitgum, Acholi District, 3° 0' N., 32° 50' E., in early January 1966. The only other records I can trace are as follows: one obtained near Kampala, 0° 40' N., 32° 44' E., 8th February, 1940 (Hopkins 1946); two specimens from the Impenetrable Forest, 0° 49'-1° 8' S., 29° 35'-29° 50' E. (Keith *et al.* 1969); sight records of 1-2 at Mbarara, 0° 35' S., 30° 35' E., November 1969 and September-October 1970 (E. N. Waterhouse and G. N. Harrington, *Uganda Society Bird Newsletter*, Nos. 4, 13 and 14, 1970).

Aquila rapax orientalis, Steppe Eagle: Mt. Kadam, Karamoja District, 1° 50' N., 34° 45' E., an *Aquila* seen feeding on termites at the foot of the mountain in March 1967 was photographed by me and identified from the slide by L. H. Brown. This is a common migrant in Kenya, but does not appear to have been previously recorded in Uganda.

Hieraetus dubius, Ayres's Hawk Eagle: Budongo Forest, 1° 45' N., 31° 35' E.; two immature birds, mid-December 1969 and an adult 19th August, 1970. Friedmann & Williams (1968) state that a specimen was obtained in Kibale Forest, 0° 40' N., 30° 20' E., in 1966 and another was obtained in Bwamba Forest, 0° 50' N., 30° 10' E. in 1967. They also quote a sight record by Williams in Budongo Forest in 1966. Jackson (1938) gives one record for Uganda, at Entebbe, 0° 4' N., 32° 20' E. These are apparently the only records for Uganda.

Falco alopex, Fox Kestrel: Between Kaabong and Kidepo, N. Karamoja, ca. 3° 45' N., 34° 15' E.; one seen on 5th, January 1966. Iriri, S. Karamoja,